

England Athletics 2018 representative opportunities for Race Walking

England Athletics is looking to support developing athletes and provide international experience towards major Championships, in particular the 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2020 Olympic Games. EA will look to select individuals for appropriate international competition given their current performance level.

The 2018 England season highlight will be the Commonwealth Games 20 km Race Walks on 8th April in Gold Coast, Australia with Gemma Bridge, Tom Bosworth & Callum Wilkinson competing! Focus will then shift to Great Britain Teams at the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships in Taicang, China on 5th & 6th May, and the European Championships in Berlin from 7th to 12th August. In addition, there are full GB&NI Team opportunities at the European U18 Championships in Győr, Hungary, and the IAAF World U20 Championships from 10th to 15th July in Tampere, Finland.

England Athletics National and International Competitions

The competition calendar below details international competitions with links to selection policies and principal domestic opportunities for race walk athletes. Given the range of competitions available coaches and athletes must ensure they have read the relevant information in the selection briefs carefully.

The selection committee consists of Andy Day (EA Head of Competition), Spencer Duval (EA Coach & Athlete Development Manager, Endurance), Andi Drake (EA Technical Advisor, Endurance) and a representative from the Race Walking Association. Queries on selection, in the first instance, should be addressed to Andi Drake (adrake@englandathletics.org). Priority for selection for England Athletics Teams will be given to athletes competing in England Athletics Championships. Events are listed below.

The England Athletics 10 km Race Walk Championships at Coventry on 11th March will provide a level of competition appropriate for qualifying for international teams.

7 th January	England Indoor Championships & Winter Race Walk Challenge: U13/U15 B/G 1000 m, U17/U20/Senior 3000 m.	Sheffield	http://englandathletics-uk.org/
20 th January	Winter Race Walk Challenge: U13/U15 B/G 1000 m, U17/U20/Senior 3000 m.	Lee Valley	http://www.visitlee valley.org.uk/en/content/cms/outdoors/athletics-centre/competition-entry-forms/london-indoor-games/
24 th January	Elan Indoor Meeting: 5000 m Men, 3000 m Women	Bratislava, Slovakia	http://www.englandathletics.org/athletes/england-athletics-team/england-athletics-team The winners of the Men's and Women's races at the England Athletics Indoor Championships (3000 m) on 7 th January will be selected to compete.
18 th February	British Athletics Championships: Senior 5000 m	Birmingham	Invitation http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/
25 th February	Müller Indoor Grand Prix: Men's 3000 m	Glasgow	Invitation http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/
11 th March	England Athletics 10 km Championships, Coventry Godiva Molly Barnett Open, & Winter Race Walk Challenge Final: U13 2 km, U15 3 km, U17 5 km, U20/Senior 10 km.	Coventry	

11 th March	Lugano Trophy 15th Memorial Mario Albisetti Senior M/W 20 km Advised standards: 20 km M/W 1:28:00/1:40:00.	Lugano, Switzerland	Senior competition opportunity as preparation for the Commonwealth Games Selection: 8 th January 2017 (contact Andi Drake if you are seeking selection for this event)
24 th March	Slovak National Championships: Senior 50 km Advised standards: 50 km Men 4:14:00/Women 4:40:00	Dudince, Slovakia	Athletes judged to be capable of performing better than or close to the BA Guidelines for the European Athletics Championships. 50 km: EA recognise the importance of development opportunities at all international distances and will consider supporting athletes to this event who are considering moving up distances and have shown the potential to go on to further senior Championship level performances, or who are showing form consistent with a qualifying mark for the European: Athletics Championships in 2018. Selection: 8 th January 2017 (contact Andi Drake if you are seeking selection for this event) This event forms the British Athletics European Championships Trial for 50 km: see http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/
7 th April	International Match: Senior M/W 20 km, U20 M/W 10 km. Advised standards: 10 km U18 Boys 48:00; 5 km U18 Girls 25:00; 10 km U20 M/W 46:00/52:30; 20 km M/W 1:28:00/1:40:00.	Podebrady, Czech Republic	EA aim to select 2 per event Seniors, 1 per event Juniors and 1 per event U18 boys & girls. EA will retain some flexibility with numbers depending on the standard of performance achieved in each age group. Selection: 11 th March 2017. Athletes judged to be capable of performing better than or close to the BA Guidelines for the World Race Walking Team Championships, the European U18 Championships, or the World U20 Athletics Championships will be considered.
29 th April	RWA Inter-Area Match	Nuneaton	
5 th -6 th May	IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships: 50 km; 20 km; 10 km U20	Taicang, China	http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/
20 th May	British Athletics + RWA + CAU Championships: 10 km & Younger Age Group Championships	Coventry	
17 th June	England U20/U23 Championships Trials: 10000 m	Bedford	British Athletics trials/qualifying opportunities for World U20 Championships/European U18 Champs* 10000 m. http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/ *athletes seeking opportunities for the European U18 Girls 5000 m please contact Andi Drake
24 th June	British Grand Prix of Race Walking, including RWA Championships & World Championships Trials: 20 km	Leeds	20 km race will also include a 10 km event as an opportunity to qualify for World U20 Championships: http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2017-selection-policies/
1 st July	World Championships Trials & British Championships: 5000 m	Birmingham	http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/
5 th -8 th July	European U18 Championships: Boys 10000 m/Girls 5000 m	Győr, Hungary	http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/

13 th -16 th July	World U20 Championships: 10000 m	Tampere, Finland	http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/
29 th July	England Athletics AAA & UK CAU Senior Championships; England Athletics Senior Disability Athletics Championships: 3000 m	Manchester	http://england.athletics-uk.org/
7 th -12th August	European Athletics Championships: 20 km/50 km	Berlin	http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/
15 th August	Manchester International: 3000 m	Manchester	https://www.englandathletics.org/england-athletics/england-athletics-team
26 th August	England Athletics U15/U17 Championships: 3000 m / 5000 m	Bedford	http://england.athletics-uk.org/
Bedford15 th th Sept.	ESAA Combined Events & Walks: 3000 m / 5000 m		www.esaa.net
2 nd October	RWA Championships: 50 km	Douglas	

It is crucial all coaches and athletes are aware of final selection dates as well as the detailed requirements of meeting selection criteria. Advice for coaches can be obtained through the England Athletics Endurance Technical Advisor Andi Drake as well as through the Team contact detailed in the policy.